



Small
Business
Vouchers Pilot
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

POWERING THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

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Partnering to Meet Technical Challenges

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recognizes that small businesses are the backbone of the U.S. economy with 23 million small businesses representing more than 99% of all employers, accounting for more than half of all private sector workers, and generating 3 out of every 4 new jobs. Small businesses embody the spirit of innovation, entrepreneurship, and individual initiative that drives new product development.

To overcome the technical challenges inherent in bringing innovations to market, DOE has created an initiative to connect clean energy small businesses with national laboratories, America's science and technology powerhouses.

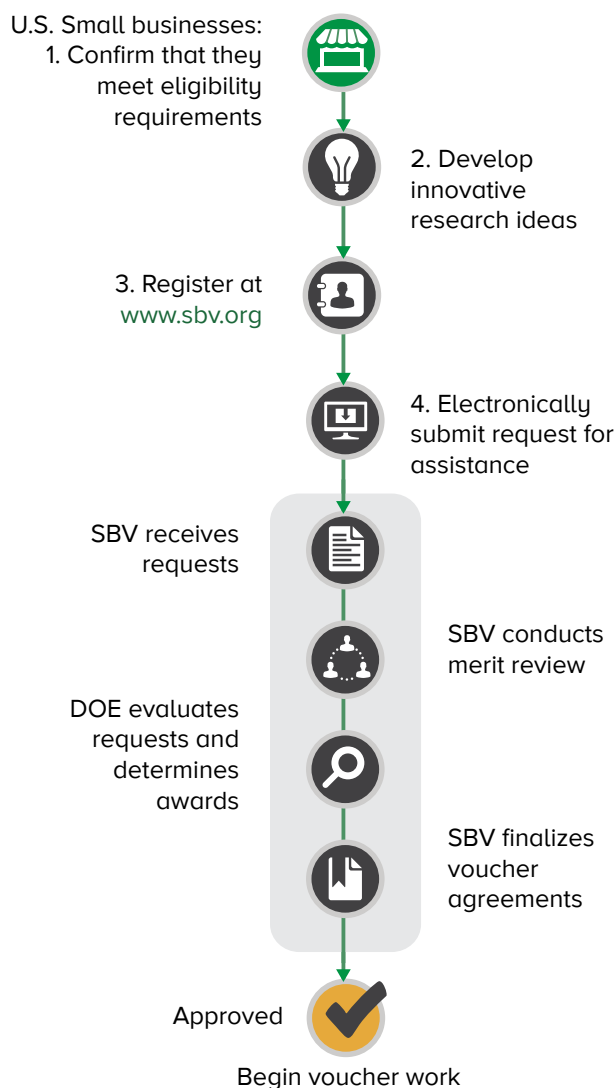
Launched by the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), the Small Business Vouchers (SBV) Pilot will match selected clean energy small businesses with experts from the national labs—and give the businesses vouchers valued at \$50K to \$300K that they can exchange for national lab technical assistance.

This world-class laboratory assistance will focus on specific technical challenges identified by small businesses and deliver solutions intended to drive the clean energy economy toward greater commercial success.

SBV Pilot Application & Selection Process

Available Funding	Up to \$12M provided as technical aid from the national labs
Voucher Amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to \$50K-\$300K per business to fund either collaborative projects or technical assistanceEach small business must provide 20% matching funds or in-kind services
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must be a for-profit business with no more than 500 full-time-equivalent employees worldwideMust be U.S.-based and U.S.-owned
Technical Areas	<p>Vouchers are available in 9 specific R&D areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Advanced ManufacturingBioenergyBuildingsFuel CellsGeothermalSolarVehiclesWaterWind

How SBV Works



What the National Labs Offer

A network of advanced science and technology centers, U.S. national laboratories push the boundaries of research to address current and anticipated energy challenges. The labs have developed deep expertise, state-of-the-art facilities, and world-class, often unique, resources.

The SBV Pilot makes it possible to direct the power of the national laboratories toward specific problems identified by small businesses. The solutions generated can help small businesses become even better equipped to do what they do best: advance innovation, create jobs, and build prosperity. Small businesses with little to no experience working with DOE national laboratories are strongly encouraged to submit requests for assistance.



SBV Application Schedule

Round 3 opens: October 10, 2106

Round 3 closes: November 10, 2016

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